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Applicant : Udo Hertel, et al. Filed : June 22, 2006

Title : Circuit Configuration for Transmission of Data Signals from

and/or to Household Appliances

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United States Patent Application Publication US 2003/0160684 A1 (Cern), dated August 28, 2003;

United States Patent US 5,805,053 (Patel, et al.), dated September 8, 1998;

Patent Abstracts of Japan JP 2002094348 A (Kobayashi, et al.), dated March 29, 2002;

International Publication WO 02/30003 A2 (Sacca, et al.), dated April 11, 2002;

German Published Non-Prosecuted Patent Application DE 202 06 728 U1 (inventor not named), dated August 14, 2002: This reference pertains to a Household appliance, which is connectable with a power connector to a power supply line whereas said household appliance has an electrical load. A noise filter is connected upstream of said load on the power connector side. The household appliance has a transceiver for power line communication; a device is connected upstream of the transceiver and upstream of the noise filter on the power connector side. This device lets signals between the transceiver and the power connector pass. The device avoids passage of signals from said device to said noise filter. The device does not affect the passage of the power supply line AC voltage to the noise filter. The transceiver is not directly connected to the power supply line but via a coupler of said device.

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